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Subject: opposition to AWB and other firearm bills
To: <HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov>

I write to you today in strong opposition to Bill HB5436

I am a Nationally Certified Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor for over 20 years. I am in my 27th year with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and currently hold the rank of Captain. This gives me a unique perspective as it relates to these bills. For too long our Criminal Justice system in Rhode Island has penalized the law abiding while giving a free pass to the actual criminals who misuse guns and put our residents at risk. 99% of criminal convictions in this state are actually plea bargains where the gun crimes are dropped for pleas to lesser crimes. Meanwhile, the legislature, year after year, attempts to hold the law abiding accountable for the gun crime in this state. Already this session several bills have been introduced to lessen the impact on criminal offenders with great disrespect shown for their victims. HB5436 unconstitutionally infringe on the rights of law abiding Rhode Islanders, your constituents, while the criminals will continue to ignore the law.

Don't be fooled by supposed support from Law Enforcement associations that are only Chiefs or Directors telling you their members are in agreement. Most Police Officers working the street DO NOT support these measures.

I am also in opposition to the following bills as well

HB 5443
HB 5651
HB 5652
HB 5654
HB 5889
HB 5890
HB 5891

Thank you for your attention in these matters
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